GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3389
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
BROAD GAUGE LINE UPTO PIPAVAV PORT
M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have entered into an agreement with Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited for a broad gauge link to the port; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached. STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3389 BY DR. MANDA JAGANNATH TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2000 REGARDING BROAD GAUGE LI UPTO PIPAVAV PORT.

(a) & (b) : The Government has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with M/s. Gujarat PipavavPort Limited for forming an SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) for Gauge Conversion of Surendranagar − Pipavav and a New Line extension to Pipavav Port. The SPV shall undertake the proposed project of implementing the Broad Gauge rail connectivity between Surendranagar and the Port of Pipavav. Tentative project cost is Rs. 270 Crores. (Rs. Two hundred & seventy Crores). Any cost over-run, over and above the project cost of Rs. 270 Crores, shall be on account of the SPV.
The project shall be funded in the following pattern:
66.67% of the Project Cost shall be funded through Equity. 33.33% of the Project Cost shall be funded through Debt.
Equity holding pattern:
i) Ministry of Railways & its PSUs : 50%
ii) Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited & others : 50%
The amount already spent by the Indian Railways on the proposed Broad Gauge Rail connectivity will be reckoned towards the equity contribution of Ministry of Railways.